

INVENTORY

29328. PODOPHYLLUM EMODI Wall.

From Sibpur, Calcutta, India. Presented by Maj. A. T. Gage, superintendent, Royal Botanic Garden. Received January 3, 1911.

"Fruit edible as in American species (*Podophyllum peltatum*). Probably like this can be used as a purgative and hepatic stimulant." (*Von Mueller*.)

See No. 22552 for previous introduction.

Distribution.—Slopes of the interior ranges of the Himalayas at an elevation of 6,000 to 14,000 feet, between Hazara and Sikkim, northern India.

29329. DIOSPYROS sp.

Persimmon.

From Waldo, Fla. Presented by Mr. T. K. Godbey. Received January 4, 1911.

Godbey's Seedless. Said to be a luscious persimmon that is absolutely puckerless.

29330. CYCLANTHERA PEDATA (L.) Schrad.

Caigua.

From Mollendo, Peru. Presented by Mr. William Morrison, American consular agent. Received January 4, 1911.

"The fruit of the caigua is eaten as a vegetable. My cook informs me that the fruit is first cleaned of the seeds and the division that separates the rows, then boiled, but not too tender; a forcemeat composed of finely chopped meat, raisins, walnuts, and chopped hard-boiled eggs, with seasoning, fills the interior; the outside is covered with a mixture of beaten egg and flour, and the caiguas are then fried; or a sauce is made with milk, flour, etc., and in this the caigua is stewed." (*Morrison*.)

See No. 3096 for previous introduction.

Distribution.—From the region of Orizaba in southern Mexico southward through Guatemala and Colombia to Peru.

29331 and 29332.

From Brazil. Presented by Mr. Walter Fischer, acting director, Campo de Cultura Experimental Paraense, Para, Brazil. Received January 5, 1911.

Seeds of the following; notes by Mr. Fischer:

29331. CARICA PAPAYA L.

Papaya.

"Seeds of what is probably our best variety of *mamão*. The specimen I had must have been 17 or 18 inches long and weighed 9 pounds. I have seen slightly larger ones from the same plant. The fruit was of excellent flavor and contained but few seeds. In a year or even 10 months it is possible to obtain ripe fruits from the papaya in this climate. Here in Belem a papaya like the one described sells for at least a dollar."

29332. CUCUMIS MELO L.

Muskmelon.

"Seeds of a muskmelon, the only kind seen in the markets of Belem, but even this is not grown near here, but in Santarem, about 500 miles up the river. The fruit of this variety is long, smooth, and distinctly ribbed; the flesh is orange colored and of very good flavor. This particular specimen weighed 14 pounds, which is the average weight. It is probably needless to advise